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AGENCY OPERATIONAL CONTACT WITH TOWNLEY AND DOES NOT COVER FACT THAT HE WAS NOT ACTUALLY EVER USED IN ANY OPERATIONAL CAPACITY BY ODO.

4. AMBASSADOR LANDAU, WHO IS ALREADY RECEIVING PRESS QUERIES TO COMMENT ON ABOVE LA SEGUNDA STORY AND IS HIGHLY ANNOYED THAT AGENCY DID NOT BRIEF HIM IN ADVANCE, PHONE STATE AND WAS TOLD THAT AGENCY HAD PRESENTED THREE DIFFERENT AFFADAVITS TO DISTRICT COURT--THE GAMBINO AFFADAVIT BEING ONLY ONE OF THE THREE. PRESUMING THAT THE OTHER TWO WOULD CLARIFY THE GAMBINO AFFADAVIT AND PUT IN IN CONTEXT, HE REQUESTS FULL TEXTS ASAP OF ALL THREE AFFADAVITS TO USE AS BACKGROUND IN SPARRING WITH LOCAL PRESS. IF THE THREE AFFADAVITS DO NOT SERVE THE PURPOSE OF A CATEGORIC DENIAL THAT TOWNLEY WAS USED OPERATIONALLY BY THE AGENCY HE REQUESTS ONE FROM THE AGENCY THAT MEETS THAT REQUIREMENT.

5. IMPORTANCE OF DIVORCING TOWNLEY FROM AGENCY CANNOT BE OVERSTRESSED, AS THIS ALLEGED LINK HAS BEEN ONE OF THE CORNERSTONES OF CONTRERAS' DEFENSE.

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